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COURT ADOPTS CHANGES TO RALJ RULES AND PRACTICE

King County Superior Court recently adopted changes to the local rules and court practices for cases subject to the rules for appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction (RALJ). Copies of those rule changes which go into effect September 8, 2009, are available on the Clerk's website at www.kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/rules.

Cases subject to RALJ rules will continue to be given a case schedule at filing, and now will also be assigned to a judge at the time of filing. The case schedule will include the date for oral argument before the assigned judge. The new case schedules eliminate the readiness hearing that has historically been part of the court process for these cases. In the new process, requests for status conferences or continuances shall be filed as motions to be decided by the assigned judge. Motions for stay shall also be brought to the assigned judge.

Criminal appeals from municipal courts in the Kent assignment area, as well as all civil appeals from municipal and district courts in the Kent assignment area, will be assigned to Kent judges. All other cases shall be assigned to Seattle judges.

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